THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) Under the terms and conditions of License Agreement of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS)/ Unified Access Services (UAS) Licence, in metros 90% of the service area shall be covered within one year of the effective date and in Telecom Circles, atleast 10% of District Headquarters (DHQs) will be covered in first year and 50% of DHQs will be covered within three years of effective date of licence. The choice of District Headquarters/Towns to be covered and further expansion beyond 50% District Headquarters/Towns lies with the Licensee depending on their business decision. There is no requirement of mandatory coverage of rural areas.

Employment through e-infrastucture/e-learning groups

2536. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created a separate productivity and employment center division under the existing e-infrastructure/e-learning group;

(b) whether the division will play a nodal role in identifying the various sectors where the information communication tools can be extended to enhance productivity of the sector and consequently generate more employment;

(c) the main proposals that are being considered; and

(d) to what extent it has been able to generate more employment as desired by the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The division has identified a sectoral approach to enhance productivity and consequential employment generations.